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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to school funding by establishing a school
- 2 district enrollment supplement program and making
- 3 appropriations.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.13, subsection 1, Code 2015, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. For the school budget year beginning July 1, 2001, and
4 succeeding budget years beginning before July 1, 2016, if a
5 district's actual enrollment for the budget year, determined
6 under section 257.6, is greater than its budget enrollment for
7 the budget year, the district shall be eligible to receive an
8 on-time funding budget adjustment. The adjustment shall be in
9 an amount equal to the difference between the actual enrollment
10 for the budget year and the budget enrollment for the budget
11 year, multiplied by the district cost per pupil.

12 Sec. 2. Section 257.13, Code 2015, is amended by adding the
13 following new subsection:

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 4. This section is repealed July 1, 2016.

15 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. **257.13A School district enrollment**
16 **supplement program — appropriation.**

17 1. A school district enrollment supplement program is
18 established to provide additional funding for school districts
19 in which the district's actual enrollment for the budget year
20 exceeds the budget enrollment for the budget year. For the
21 school budget year beginning July 1, 2016, and succeeding
22 budget years, if a district's actual enrollment for the budget
23 year, determined under section 257.6, is greater than its
24 budget enrollment for the budget year, the district may submit
25 a request to the school budget review committee for a school
26 district enrollment supplement. A request for an enrollment
27 supplement pursuant to this section must be received by the
28 school budget review committee by November 1. The school
29 budget review committee shall approve the request for the
30 enrollment supplement if the district meets the requirements of
31 this section and for the amount specified in subsection 3.

32 2. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2016,
33 there is appropriated from the general fund of the state to the
34 department of education an amount necessary to make all school
35 district enrollment supplement payments under this section, as

1 calculated in subsection 3.

2 3. The amount of each eligible school district's enrollment
3 supplement shall be the difference between the school
4 district's actual enrollment for the budget year minus the
5 school district's budget enrollment for the budget year
6 multiplied by the regular program state cost per pupil for the
7 budget year.

8 4. School district enrollment supplement payments shall be
9 paid by the department of education in a lump sum at the same
10 time and in the same manner as the first monthly installment
11 is paid on or after January 1 of the budget year under section
12 257.16, subsection 2.

13 5. School district enrollment supplement payments received
14 under this section are miscellaneous income and shall be
15 deposited in the general fund of the school district. However,
16 the school district enrollment supplement amount shall not be
17 included in district cost. An enrollment supplement under this
18 chapter shall not affect the receipt or amount of a budget
19 adjustment received under section 257.14.

20 6. Except for an adjustment to an amount under section
21 257.31, subsection 5, participation in the school district
22 enrollment supplement program under this section shall not
23 affect a school district's eligibility to receive an amount
24 from the school budget review committee under section 257.31.

25 Sec. 4. Section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
26 2015, is amended to read as follows:

27 a. Any unusual increase or decrease in enrollment. In
28 deciding a school district's need for additional funds under
29 this paragraph, the school budget review committee shall
30 consider school district enrollment supplement amounts received
31 by the school district under section 257.13A for the same
32 budget year, and may accordingly adjust amounts granted for the
33 purposes of this paragraph.

34 EXPLANATION

35 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with

1 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

2 Current Code section 257.13 provides that if a school
3 district's actual enrollment for the budget year is greater
4 than its budget enrollment for the budget year, the district
5 shall be eligible to receive an on-time funding budget
6 adjustment approved by the school budget review committee.
7 This bill specifies that the provisions of current Code section
8 257.13 apply to school budget years beginning before July 1,
9 2016, and establishes a repeal date of July 1, 2016, for Code
10 section 257.13.

11 The bill establishes a school district enrollment supplement
12 program to provide additional funding for school districts in
13 which the district's actual enrollment for the budget year
14 exceeds the budget enrollment for the budget year. For the
15 school budget year beginning July 1, 2016, and succeeding
16 budget years, if a district's actual enrollment for the budget
17 year is greater than its budget enrollment for the budget
18 year, the district may submit a request to the school budget
19 review committee for a school district enrollment supplement.
20 The school budget review committee is required to approve the
21 request for the enrollment supplement if the district meets the
22 requirements of the bill.

23 The amount of each eligible school district's enrollment
24 supplement is the difference between the school district's
25 actual enrollment for the budget year minus the school
26 district's budget enrollment for the budget year multiplied by
27 the regular program state cost per pupil for the budget year.

28 The bill establishes a standing appropriation for each
29 fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2016, for an amount
30 necessary to make all school district enrollment supplement
31 payments under the bill. The bill specifies that school
32 district enrollment supplement payments are miscellaneous
33 income and must be deposited in the school district's general
34 fund. However, the enrollment supplement amount is not to be
35 included in district cost. The bill further specifies that an

1 enrollment supplement does not affect the receipt or amount
2 of a budget adjustment received under Code section 257.14,
3 and, except for an adjustment to the amount, does not affect
4 a school district's eligibility to receive an amount from the
5 school budget review committee under Code section 257.31 based
6 on an increase in enrollment.